
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Revelation 5:1-14 KJV*

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (2) And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? (3) And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. (4) And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (5) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. (6) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (11) And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; (12) Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (13) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (14) And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

INTRO: *IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING*

Last week we looked at ***Things God Has Prepared For Us…*** today our Text takes us ***Into the Presence of the King!***

Isaiah 6:1-8 KJV

In the year that king Uzziah died ***I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.*** (2) Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. (3) And one cried unto another, and said, ***Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory***. (4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. (6) Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: (7) And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. (8) Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? ***Then said I, Here am I; send me.***

JOHN'S VISION WAS SIMILAR TO ISAIAH'S BUT OBVIOUSLY MUCH MORE EXTENDED AND DETAILED.

Revelation 1:9-18 KJV

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. (10) ***I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day***, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, (11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, ***What thou seest, write in a book***, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. (12) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; (13) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto ***the Son of man***, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. (14) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;

and his voice as the sound of many waters. (16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: (18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

John 4:19-24 KJV

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. (20) Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. (21) Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. (22) Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when ***the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth***: for ***the Father seeketh such to worship him***. (24) ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth***.

I. *WHO IS WORTHY - THE LAMB IS WORTHY*

Revelation 5:1-4 KJV

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Revelation 5:5-7 KJV

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, ***the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof***. (6) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, ***stood a Lamb as it had been slain***, having *seven* horns and *seven* eyes, which are the ***seven Spirits of God*** sent forth into all the earth. (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Someone once said that the only things in Heaven made by human hands will be the scars on the Hands, the Feet and Side of Jesus our Savior

7 is the number of perfection or completion
7 seals, 7 horns, 7 eyes, 7 Spirits of God

He is Worthy

II. *They Sang A New Song*

Revelation 5:8-10 KJV

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them ***harps***, and ***golden vials full of odours***, which are ***the prayers of saints***. (9) ***And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*** (10) ***And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

Apparently the Rapture has not yet taken place as some say the Church is not mentioned again after Chapter 4…Chapter 5 is half over and the saints are still on the earth praying!

Re-Read verses 9+10

BTW – Who is singing? Not the angels – 24 Elders represent the saints who have gone on to be with Jesus! Job 38:7 KJV When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Seems to be the only time recorded that the angels sang…

III. *The Angels are Shouting*

Revelation 5:11-12 KJV

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of ***many angels*** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten **thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**: (12) ***Saying with a loud voice***, ***Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing***.

IV. *Heaven and Earth Bless the LORD*

Revelation 5:13-14 KJV

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (14) And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down ***and worshipped Him*** that liveth for ever and ever.

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Worthy Is The Lamb!